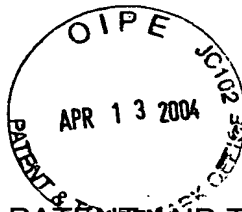


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), the undersigned provides the following statements of relevance for each non-English document listed on the attached PTO-1449.

1. JP 7-287952 describes how to eliminate the need for the backing of a substrate, and to lighten and thin this trace interconnecting body as a whole and reduce load to suspension by forming the trace interconnecting body of an approximately plate-shaped slender conductor, in which rigidity, plastic deformation and thickness are minimized.
2. JP 11-195214 describes how to provide the manufacturing method of a magnetic head device in which the assembly precision of the slider against a suspension and the IC chip for a head are improved and the assembly is easily automated.

3. JP 11-213364 describes how to make easily confirmable the action of a head IC chip and the connection condition by connecting a measurement connection terminal to a first connection terminal, which connects a magnetic head slider, and a second connection terminal, which connects the head IC chip connected to the first connection terminal, and providing the measurement connection terminal at the position other than the first and the second connection terminal positions.
4. JP 2000-311324 describes how to provide a mounting method, wherein while heat is radiated from a reading/writing IC, the reading/writing IC is mounted on an arm portion for supporting a head, and no thermal expansion occurs in the arm itself.
5. JP 2001-52323 describes how to suppress generation of dust from a head IC chip and prevent generation of head crashes by covering the head IC chip with a film.

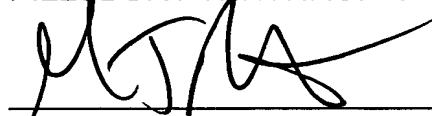
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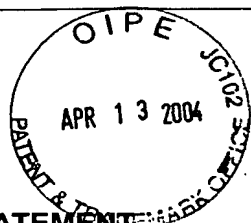
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